

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	No. CR-20-108-C
)	
JONATHON SOLIS, a/k/a Bimbo, and)	
RAY FIERRO,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

Defendant Solis has filed a third Motion to Continue the trial of this case, presently set for the December 2020 trial docket, to the February 2021 trial docket. Defendant notes that Plaintiff does not object to the request.

The Court notes that Defendant Solis has recently retained new counsel with that counsel entering an appearance on September 25, 2020. Defendant states that there is a great deal of discovery to be reviewed and notes that issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic have made it more difficult to prepare for trial. After consideration of the Tenth Circuit's rulings in United States v. Toombs, 574 F.3d 1262 (10th Cir. 2009); United States v. Larson, 627 F.3d 1198 (10th Cir. 2010), and the parameters of the Speedy Trial Act, the Court finds that a continuance is in the interest of justice for the following reasons:

1. The continuance granted herein is brief ;.
2. Due to the issues set forth above, the Court concludes that the current trial date does not permit adequate time for Defendant Solis's new counsel to effectively prepare for trial.

3. Defendant's right to have adequately-prepared counsel at the trial of this matter outweighs any interest the public has in the trial occurring in December 2020 as opposed to February 2021. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

Defendant Solis also request an extension of pretrial deadlines. Many of those deadlines have already passed and Defendant Solis was adequately represented by counsel who pressed appropriate pretrial motions. Accordingly, the request for extension of any expired deadline will be denied.

As set forth more fully herein, Defendant Solis' Motion for Continuance of Trial (Dkt. No. 52) is GRANTED. This matter shall be set on the Court's February 2021 trial docket. The time shall be excluded from the speedy trial clock. The request for extension of deadlines is denied as to any deadline expired prior to filing the present Motion.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of November 2020.


ROBIN J. CAUTHRON
United States District Judge